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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0578

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, SF, UK, JO

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE CHIEF CONFIRMS RECEIPT OF  
CENTURIAN TANKS FROM JORDAN

REF: LONDON 11617 (NOTAL); CAPE TOWN 0566 (NOTAL)

1. IN BRIEF COCKTAIL CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 25, AMBASSADOR ASKED  
ADMIRAL H.H. BIERMANN, COMMANDANT GENERAL OF SA DEFENSE FORCE,  
ABOUT JORDANIAN-OWNED BRITISH CENTURIAN TANKS REPORTEDLY  
BOUGHT BY SAG. BIERMANN, CONFIRMING THAT TANKS WERE RECEIVED,  
SAID THEY HAD BEEN SHIPPED FROM DJIBOUTI TO DURBAN BUT GAVE NO  
OTHER DETAILS.

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2. SAG HAS REFUSED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON REPORTS OF JORDANIAN  
ARMS SALE, AND BIERMANN'S REMARK TO AMBASSADOR IS FIRST EVIDENCE  
WE HAVE HAD THAT ARMS WERE INDEED IMPORTED. HURD.

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